



Redeemer Lutheran Church
and 3K/4K Preschool

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Newsletter – December 2024

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR HUEHN

The Mission of Redeemer Lutheran is "**To grow as followers of Jesus Christ, reflecting the Gospel by word and action everywhere we are.**"

I've been serving at Redeemer Lutheran Church for over a month. I'm grateful for accepting the call to be your Pastor. As I serve you in Word and Sacrament ministry for many years to come, I pray that we will grow as followers of Jesus Christ, as the Mission of Redeemer states. How do we grow and reflect the Gospel by Word and action? We grow as Christian disciples only by the grace of God in Christ. We are blessed to receive this grace each Lord's day through the Means of Grace. The Means of Grace is the number of ways by which God in Christ delivers to us His undeserved love in the forgiveness of our sins. Growing as followers of Jesus Christ happens when the Holy Spirit leads us by the Word to remember our baptism daily by drowning the Old Adam and rising to newness of life, receive the holy absolution in contrition and repentance, hear and take to heart the preaching of God's Holy Word, and receive the Sacrament of the Altar in Jesus very body and blood. This is, first and foremost, how we grow as followers of Jesus. We faithfully attend church and receive what Jesus gives freely and graciously to grow. Lutherans have a receptive Spirituality that allows us to grow as we receive all the good things God gives us as gifts through Jesus.

As we grow together, I desire to grow in my relationship with you, learn your names (I pray for your patience on this!), and listen to and understand the culture and history of RLC. I'm thankful that many of you are in the Word daily in your devotional life, and I pray more will consider this as a daily habit to grow in your walk with the Lord. Bible studies and confirmation classes are off to a good start and highlight my week as we grow in the Word and teachings of the faith. I pray more will be considered for attending in the future.

As we enter a new church year with great anticipation of the Lord Jesus coming to us, this is an exciting time for RLC. We have many opportunities to grow by attending church and serving one another. A new year means new opportunities to grow with you as a congregation, with our board of leaders for the mission of our congregation and outreach to our community.

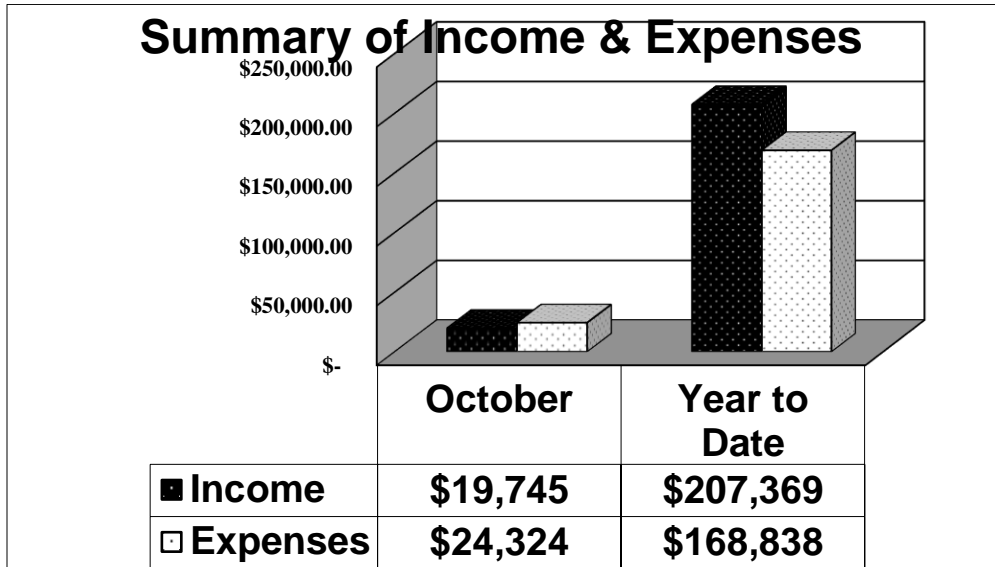
As we commemorate once again the Christ child, God Incarnate, the Savior of the nations, come for us sinners, born for us, who is Christ the Lord, may we grow together as this Good News of great joy for all the peoples leads us forward into 2025. May the many blessings God promises He will bestow on His people as we continue growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus fill us with the joy of this season as we await His glorious coming again. A blessed penitential Advent and Merry Christmas to the family of God at Redeemer Lutheran Church from my family to yours.

Growing in Christ together,
Pastor Huehn

Christian Basics Class

Starting Sunday, December 1, at 10:20 AM, Pastor Huehn will conduct a Christian Basics Class in the fellowship hall covering Luther's Small Catechism. This class is intended as a refresher course for current members, and for those desiring to become new communicant members at RLC. If you cannot attend but want to join, please contact Pastor Huehn to arrange a meeting. Please bring your Bible and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism (2017 edition); copies will be provided for new members.

Financial Update



Offering Envelopes for 2025 are now available. PLEASE take your packet as soon as possible as we will be decorating for the Christmas holiday during early December. All contributions for 2024 should be turned in by December 31st.

Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes were designated for Redeemer Preschool. Total contributions were \$450. You can still use your Thanksgiving envelope until December 30th.

Winter Weather

As winter weather is upon us again there might be a time when worship or other activities may need to be canceled. Every effort will always be made to have worship. Since the most likely time to cancel something would be on a weekend we have learned that it is easier to contact some media outlets over others on the weekend. We will try to make sure every TV station has our information, but WBAY (channel 2) and NBC26 will be the first place that information will be posted along with Redeemer's Facebook page.

Remember: Packs of Christmas Cards are available at the card rack!

Epiphany Bonfire

Please join us for a special bonfire at Redeemer Lutheran on Friday, January 10th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.. We will be remembering the visit of the Magi to Jesus by burning real Christmas trees.

Hot chocolate and s'mores will be served for all to enjoy!

In the event of strong winds, the event will be moved to Saturday, January 11th.

We are aiming to collect and burn 100 Christmas trees this year! Feel free to drop off your real Christmas tree in the back of the parking lot.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Olson at 920-410-2294 (call or text).

We look forward to seeing you there!



Annual Voters Meeting:

Our annual voters meeting will be on December 8th!!

Advent/Christmas Schedule

- *Midweek Advent Services will be on Wednesday December 4th, December 11th, and December 18th all at 6:00 PM.*
- *Christmas Eve Worship: Tuesday, December 24th at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.*
- *Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 25th.*

St. Nicholas on Dec. 4th

St. Nicholas will be at Redeemer Lutheran's First Advent Service on December 4! Invite children to bring any extra pair of shoes that night to be left below the TV at the entrance to church.

Book Club

Redeemer's Book Club will meet Saturday, Dec. 14th at 10am. Books are available for sign out at the Welcome Center. All interested readers are welcome.

Any questions, call Lisa Battin at 920-323-6456.

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, Dec. 23: Office open 9am-12pm

Monday, Dec. 30: Office open 9am-12pm

Otherwise the office will be closed for the holidays.

Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2nd

8:00am-1:00pm



**KWIK TRIP CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS
AND STOCKING STUFFERS!!**



Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 15th. Please be sure any child that wants to be in the program is attending Sunday School! If you have any questions, see Beth Utecht



Join Family Ministry (all ages welcome) as we count down the New Year on Tuesday, December 31 starting at 5 p.m.

Please invite your friends and neighbors.

5:00pm: Church

6:00pm: Supper (Salad, Lasagna, Breads, Fruit, Dessert, Drinks)

6:59pm: NYE countdown!

If you are interested in bringing items for supper sign up at the Welcome Center. We are also looking for donations of noisemakers and decorations which can be put at the welcome center.

Family Ministry Donations

Family Ministry is looking for donations of candy canes (about 100), snacks (Peanut butter crackers, applesauce etc., total of 100), candy and little trinkets (pencils, erasers, stamps) that will be used for three different events. Some will be used for the St. Nick's visit, other goodie bags are given to kids after the Sunday School Christmas Service and bags are handed out after the Christmas Eve and Christmas Services.

Please put donations in the box by the welcome center.

If you have any questions, talk to Beth Utecht or Johanna Harris.

Youth Game Nights

Youth game night will be December 4th and December 18th following the Advent service. Complete the following haiku based on Daniel 12 for a prize:



Everyone whose name
Is found written in the book
—will be _____.

**CHILDREN CAN HELP DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREES DURING
ADVENT SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH!**

December Birthdays

- Dec. 1 Kayla Qualman
- Dec. 2 Ian Siebold
- Dec. 3 Deb Kaczkowski, Isaac Loiselle
- Dec. 4 James Nadeau Jr., Gail Terry, Harper Conrad
- Dec. 5 Chase Liermann
- Dec. 6 Jim Schultz, Kaleb Harris
- Dec. 8 Rose Mahloch
- Dec. 11 Brent Budnik
- Dec. 12 Ryann Miglieri
- Dec. 13 Owen Lettenberger, Aaron Webb
- Dec. 14 Sam Krajnik, Kailey Gilbert
- Dec. 15 Erik Battin
- Dec. 17 Carol Graff, Carol Nadeau, Pam Kretsch
- Dec. 18 Jody Hagenow, Lindy Wolfe, Rob Block, Callyn Hartwig, Jason Lettenberger, Kyle Weidmayer
- Dec. 19 Doreen Drescher
- Dec. 20 Scott Newberg, Sawyer Hartwig
- Dec. 21 Nick Korte
- Dec. 22 Kerry Hamm, Sarah Reimer, Blake Schaefer
- Dec. 24 Lee Troullier
- Dec. 25 Brenna Braun
- Dec. 26 Jon Hacker, Michael Kaczkowski, William Kilps
- Dec. 28 Dick Orth, Douglas Hamm, Hannah Stenzel
- Dec. 30 Linda Tegelman, Kim Berres, Connor Paltzer



- Dec. 8 Justin & Renee Massart
- Dec. 12 Luke & Johanna Harris
- Dec. 14 Steve & Bev Hamann
- Dec. 25 Jerry & Louise Strharsky
- Dec. 30 William & Lori Kilps

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December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1) Worship 9am Fellowship Educ. Classes 10am	2) Worship 6pm	3) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	4) Confirmation 5pm Advent Service (St. Nick) 6pm Game Night	5)	6)	7)
8) Worship 9am Voter's Meeting 10am	9) Worship 6pm	10) Finance 8:15am No Bible Study today	11) Confirmation 5pm Advent Service 6pm	12) Exec. Board Meeting 6:30pm	13)	14) Book Club 10am STS to Clipper City Chordsmen 3pm
15) Worship 9am (Children's Program) Fellowship Educ. Classes 10am	16) Worship 6pm	17) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	18) Confirmation 5pm Advent Service 6pm Game Night	19)	20)	21)
22) Worship 9am Fellowship Educ. Classes 10am	23) Worship 6pm Office open 9am- 12pm	24) Christmas Eve Worship 3pm and 5pm Office closed	25) Christmas Worship 9am Office closed	26) Office closed	27) Office closed	28)
29) Worship 9am Fellowship Educ. Classes 10am	30) Worship 6pm Office open 9am- 12pm	31) NYE Worship & Meal 5pm Office closed	Jan. 1) Office closed	Jan. 2) Regular office hours resume 8am-1pm	Jan. 3)	Jan. 4)

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